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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a September 11, 2007 Japanese Official Action (copy attached, with English-language partial translation) in a foreign counterpart application corresponding to the subject application:

- (1) JP-A 07-154729;
- (2) JP-A 03-277079;

(3) JP-A 11-308568; and

(4) JP-A 2000-066774.

English-language Abstracts for Document (1) - (4), provided by Applicant, are also enclosed,

along with machine translations of Documents (1), (3), and (4). Applicant submits that US

5,206,739 (which is of record) and US 6,412,076 B1 are counterparts to Documents (2) and (4),

respectively.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner

and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has

been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by

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